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1801-1850

49-1 E. Montgomery St. (South side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The houses along the south side of the unit block of E. Montgomery St. include some of the earliest Federal style, two and a half story brick houses built in the area. 1, 3, and 9 E. Montgomery St. are all three bays wide and were built before 1805. The other two and a half story houses on the street are two bays wide and were built between 1809 and 1825. These include 11 E. Montgomery St. and the pairs of houses at 5-7, 17-19, 25-27, and 29-31 E. Montgomery St. 13 E. Montgomery St. is a three story, two bay wide gable-roofed house built in the late 1840's, as was its neighbor, 15 E. Montgomery St., which, however, has since been remodeled and now has a shed roof and bracketed cornice. 21-23 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide "half houses" with front gable roofs and two story high rear additions. 33-35 E. Montgomery St. are unusual three and a half story, two bay wide brick houses with gable roofs and dormer windows that run the full length of the roof. The houses are the only survivors of an original group of five such houses built in the late 1840's between 33 and 41 E. Montgomery St. 47-49 E. Montgomery St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornice which are either replacements or enlargements of the original two and a half story houses on the site.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1-3 E. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

___OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☒ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

___PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of 2 1/2 story brick houses with gable roofs and a single roof dormer apiece are currently in the process of restoration. The original structures date from the early 1800's and formed part of a group of such houses lining this side of Montgomery St. Although the restoration is carefully preserving the basic exterior form and details, the interiors have been completely modernized for use as both residential and office space.

The houses are 2 1/2 stories in height, 18' (three bays) wide, and extend back on their lots about 40'. The facades are constructed in Flemish bond. The steeply pitched gable roof is being covered with wood shingles as part of the restoration process and the original dormers are being rebuilt. The original brick chimney, rising at the west end of 1 E. Montgomery, is also being replaced in the current restoration. A low rectangular chimney rises along the east end wall of 3 E. Montgomery St., and this too will probably be rebuilt. At present, whatever kitchen wings once existed have been torn down. The original wooden boxed cornice remains and extends continuously across the Montgomery St. facade.

All of the door and window openings are surmounted by splayed brick lintels. The lintels of the first floor openings are deeper than those of the second floor, being the height of a stretcher and a header, instead of just a stretcher. The same style of lintels are used on the Charles St. facade of 1 E. Montgomery St. The sills were originally wood, but are being replaced in the restoration. Original 6/6 sash seems to have remained in the second floor windows of 1 E. Montgomery St. Two of the second floor windows of 3 E. Montgomery St. have remnants of 2/2 sash. The first floor openings are boarded. When the restoration is completed, no doubt all of the sash will have 6/6 lights. 1 E. Montgomery St. has a central doorway flanked by two windows; 3 E. Montgomery St. has its doorway in the bay to the right, with the two windows on the left. Neither of the original doors or transom lights remain. The houses stand on very low basements, the entrances being reached by a single low stone stoop.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1801-1803

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Lewis Weaver

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is extremely important as being one of the few surviving structures from the early years of the nineteenth century in the Federal Hill area. The houses have recently been renovated, with the facades restored to close to their original appearance. The original interiors, however, have been lost, and the gutted shell has been redesigned to provide office space.

Lewis Weaver was a blacksmith who bought this property in 1801, along with the adjoining lots at 5-7 E. Montgomery St.¹ In 1803 he sold this lots and house for \$2000 to Godfrey Sumwalt, a brick-maker who lived at this location until 1818.²

The houses are interesting for their three bay wide facades, and it may well be that a number of the earliest 2 1/2 story houses built along Montgomery and Charles St. were three bays in width (as 36 E. Montgomery St.) Currently, only this pair of houses, 9 E. Montgomery St., and 36 survive as examples of the type. The houses undoubtedly were only one room deep, as is the case with 9 and 11 E. MONTgomery St. and the few other examples of surviving early nineteenth century houses in the area.

¹Baltimore City Land REcords, Liber WG 63, Folio 477; Baltimore City Directory, 1802

²Ibid., Liber WG 76, Folio 203, BCD, 1803, 1808

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Hired: L.A.

ON: 1/1/79

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Ruxton STATE Maryland 21204

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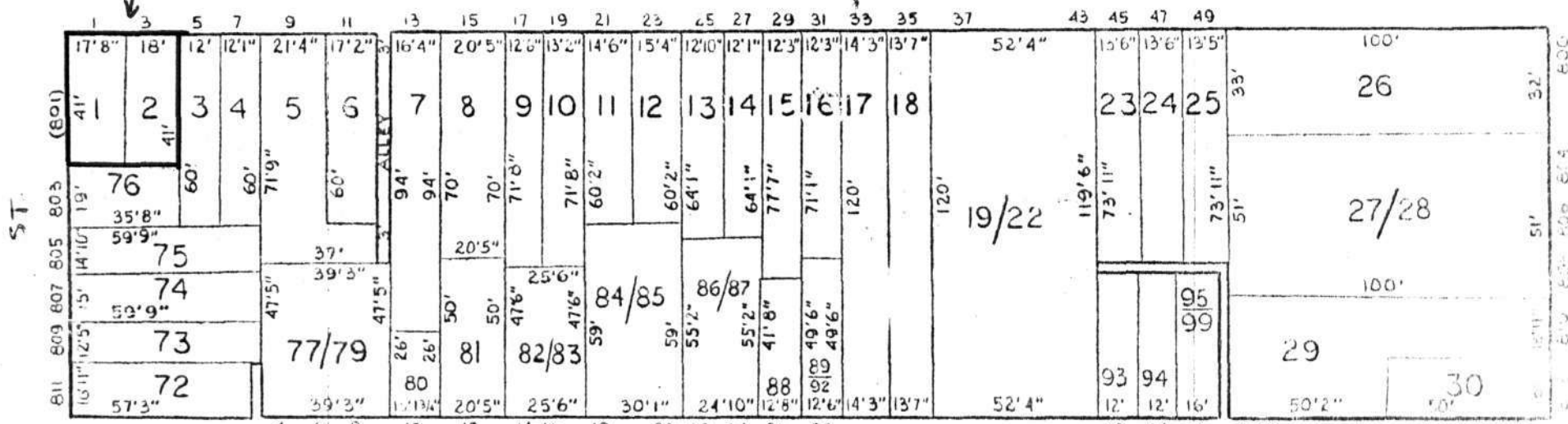
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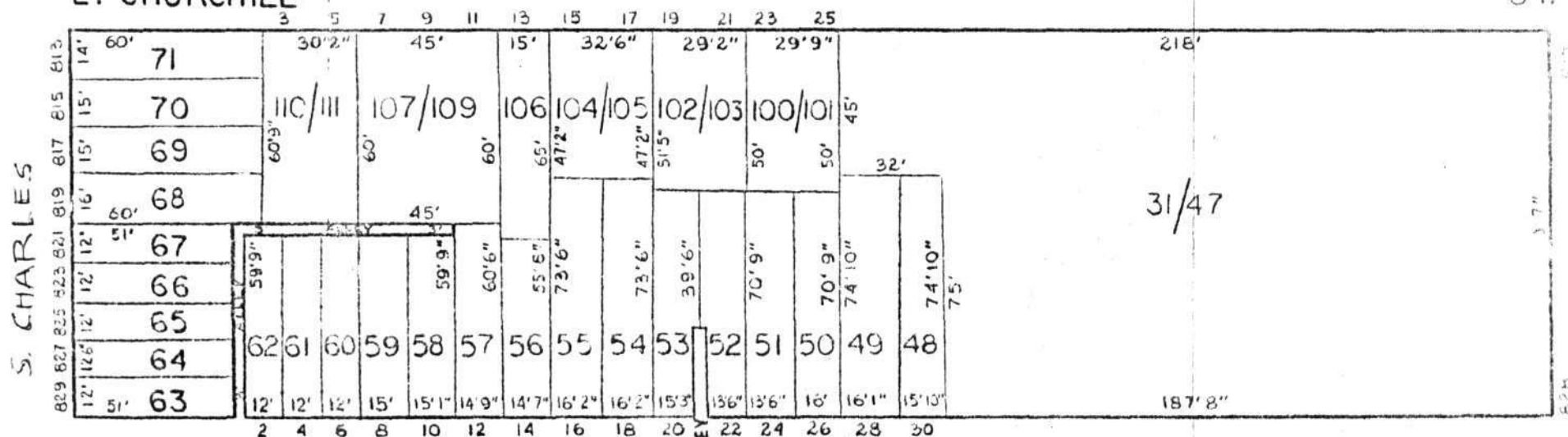
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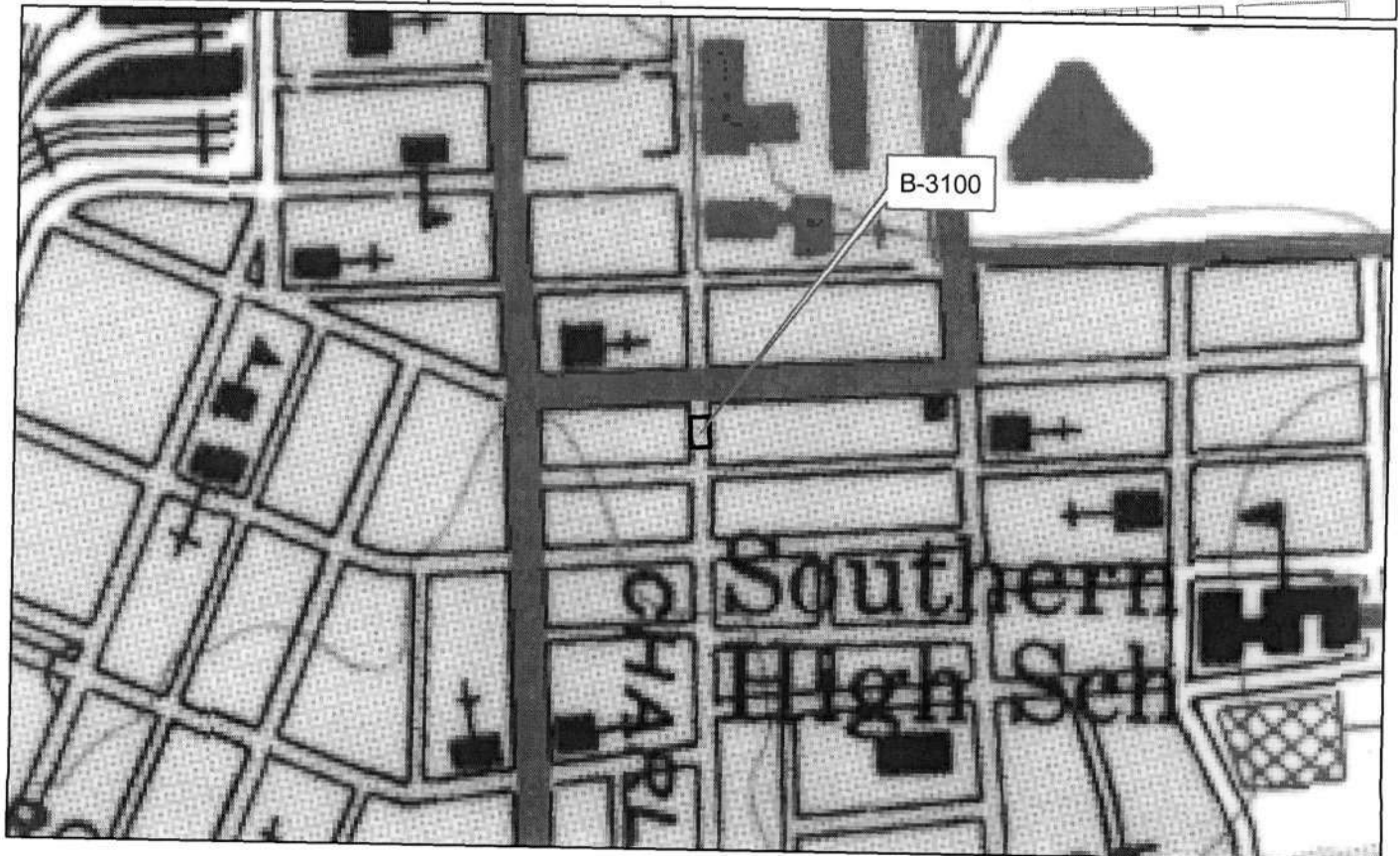
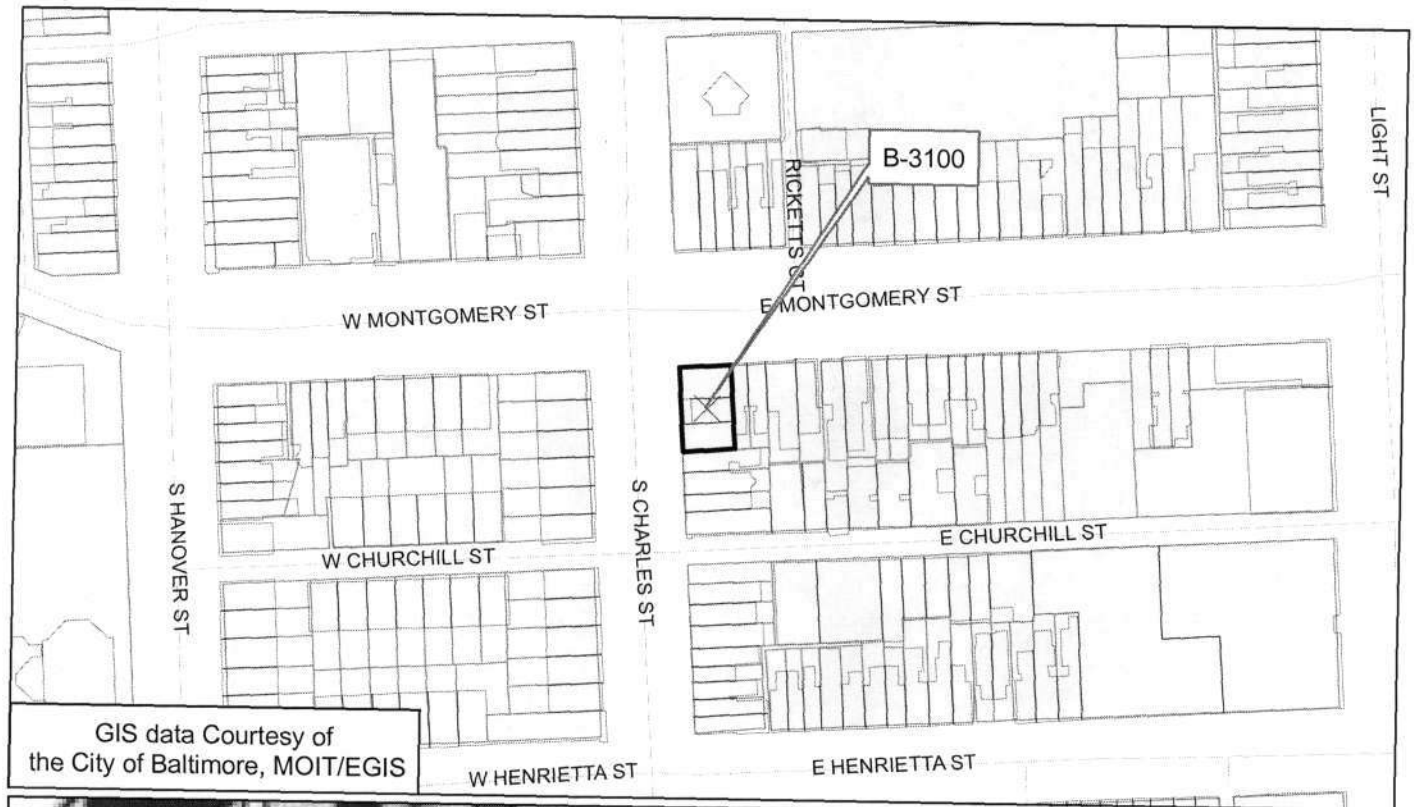
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Block 0905 Lots 001-002
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





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North elevation



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North and west elevations